

Appl. No. 10/052,235
Amdt. dated March 12, 2004
Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment
October 30, 2003

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

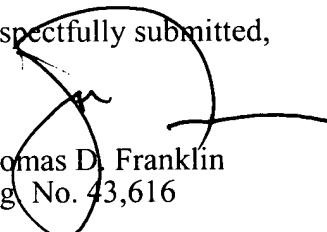
A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was apparently mailed by the Office on October 30, 2003. Our firm can find no record of receiving this mailing and only uncovered the problem when checking status on PAIR. In a phone call to the Examiner, he was kind enough to fax a copy of the Notice to our offices. As the address on the Notice appears correct, please extend the response time four months to make these corrections timely according to the enclosed extension request and fee payment.

According to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the drawings were objected to by the Examiner. To overcome the objection, the replacement sheets for the drawings are being resubmitted herein with the proper label. Annotated drawings noting any changes are not included. Entry of this amendment to correct these formalities is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas D. Franklin
Reg. No. 43,616

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP
Two Embarcadero Center, Eighth Floor
San Francisco, California 94111-3834
Tel: 303-571-4000
Fax: 415-576-0300
Attachments
TDF:cmb